

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER				
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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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1. Claims: 1-15

process to prepare a heavy and a light lubricating base oil from a partly isomerised Fischer-Tropsch derived feedstock by (a) separating the feedstock by distillation into a light and a heavy base oil precursor fraction; (b) dewaxing each separate base oil precursor fraction to reduce the pour point and (c) isolating the desired base oil products from the dewaxed fractions

2. Claim : 16

use of a heavy grade base oil obtainable by the process of claims 1-15 to formulate a motor oil formulation not requiring a viscosity modifier

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